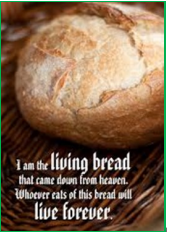


# St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

## *The Barra*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

17th & 18th August 2024



Proverbs 9:1-6; Ps 33; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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### A REFLECTION FOR TODAY

The first reading from Proverbs speaks of Wisdom calling out to the naive and senseless. Wisdom invites them to leave behind their foolish ways and come dine at her table. This image of a banquet shows us that wisdom is not only valuable but also inviting and accessible.

The second reading from Ephesians urges us to live wisely. Paul tells us to be careful in how we live, making the most of every opportunity. This means being aware of our actions and their impact on our lives and others.

Living wisely also means understanding God's will. We must seek to know what God wants for us and follow His guidance. This involves avoiding things that can harm us, like drunkenness, and instead being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Paul also encourages us to be joyful and thankful. Singing spiritual songs and giving thanks to God helps us stay focused on His goodness. Living wisely includes maintaining a joyful heart and a grateful attitude.

In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us He is the living bread that came down from heaven. He says that anyone who eats this bread will live forever. This bread is His flesh, given for the life of the world.

Jesus contrasts this with the manna the ancestors ate in the desert. They ate the manna and still died. But those who partake in Jesus, the living bread, will have eternal life.

This teaching is central to our faith. Jesus offers Himself as our spiritual nourishment. By receiving Him in the Eucharist, we are united with Him and receive the promise of eternal life.

The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B guide us to live wisely and seek true nourishment in Jesus. They remind us of the importance of wisdom, the call to live according to God's will, and the promise of eternal life through Jesus. Let us strive to apply these teachings in our daily lives.

Lord, help us to seek wisdom and live wisely. Guide our steps and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Nourish us with your presence and keep us thankful and joyful. Amen.

**Please continue reading on page 3**

*We welcome Father Chris Dixon to our Parish. Father Chris will be celebrating all this weekend's Masses, and Father Clifford De Souza who will celebrate the 6pm Youth Mass on Sunday evening.*

*Also we welcome Father Dave Austin and Father Brendan Murphy who will be celebrating Wednesday and Friday morning Masses.*

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### WE WELCOME

*all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack.*

### WE ACKNOWLEDGE

*the Traditional custodians of this land on which we worship at St Finbar's - The Darug and Gundungurra People. We pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*

## PARISH CALENDAR

## DIocese of Parramatta Notices

<p><b>Sunday</b> 18th August</p> <p><i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass -Fr Chris Dixon</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass -Fr Chris Dixon</b></p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p><b>6.00pm Youth Mass - Fr Clifford De Souza</b></p> <p>7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 19th August</p>	<p><b>No Mass. Office is closed</b></p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 20th August</p> <p><i>St Bernard</i></p>	<p><b>No Morning Mass</b></p> <p>10.00am Timeout Tuesday P/C</p> <p>5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 21st August</p> <p><i>St Pius X</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary -Fr Dave Austin</b></p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 22nd August</p> <p><i>Our Lady, Mother &amp; Queen</i></p>	<p><b>No Morning Mass</b></p> <p>10.00am Bridge Lessons P/C</p> <p>1.15pm Bridge Club P/C</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> 23rd August</p>	<p><b>9.15am Mass -Fr Brendan Murphy</b></p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> 24th August</p> <p><i>St Bartholomew</i></p>	<p>8.00am Men's Breakfast P/C</p> <p><b>No Morning Mass</b></p> <p>No Confessions</p> <p><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass - Dominican Priest from Kingswood</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> 25th August</p> <p><i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</i></p>	<p><b>7.30am Mass- Dominican Priest from Kingswood</b></p> <p><b>9.30am Mass- Dominican Priest from Kingswood</b></p> <p>10.45am Baptisms</p>

### Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired priests.

This Father's Day, Saturday 31st of August and Sunday 1st of September. Let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



### GOOD OLD FASHION TRIVIA IS BACK!!

Parish Trivia night will be on Saturday the 7th of September after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. Cost: will be \$10pp in Cash on night. The money raised Father Joe has decided is to go towards the parish Youth Group. There will be 18 tables in total, each table will have 8 people, a list of the tables is available on the Wardens table. Please add your name. If you need any additional information please contact Lyndal on 0423575521.

### SEASON OF CREATION AT BLACKHEATH PARISH.

The beginning of Spring also marks the *Season of Creation*, an ecumenical global movement to celebrate the environment and raise awareness for the plight of the world. Bishop Vincent Long will be launching this year's Season of Creation at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Blackheath, celebrating a Diocesan wide Mass followed by morning tea on Sunday September 1st at 9:30am. All are welcome at the Church on the hill. 167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

**Carmel Skillicorn of Glenbrook, who was a long time parishioner of the Parish died peacefully in her home at the age of 89 on the 7/8/24. If you knew her we would love to have you attend the funeral. It will be at Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church Emu Plains on the 28th August 2024 at 10.30am. My number is 0427027074 if you wish to contact me.**

**Gabrielle**

### ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Older female parishioner seeking granny flat/studio. Have own furniture. Can manage \$250pw + electricity. Please contact Robyn: 0403 540 490 P.S. Have moved 3 times in 2 yrs. Looking for longer term until applied accommodation comes through.

## REFLECTION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Eucharist is not just a doctrine but an experience of becoming one with Christ. We need not focus on the mechanics of transubstantiation, but instead on the teaching of how to be truly present. In the Eucharist we embody Christ, transforming us at a deep, personal level. This mystery reminds us that we are the Body of Christ, full of dignity and power.

Let us take these thoughts home with us and reflect on them during our working week, saying at least one prayer each day asking for help to be truly present with Christ in our lives.

*With thanks to Fr Richard Rohr.*

## ST FINBARS MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Date** - Saturday 24th August 2024

**Time** - 7:30 am – 9:00 am **Venue** - Parish hall

The parish is holding another Men's breakfast as an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know one another. This invitation is open to all male parishioners and any of their sons, grandsons, neighbours and friends. For catering purposes we will need to confirm numbers by Sunday 18th of August 2024.

Please add your name to the list on the warden's table.

Any questions please contact the organisers, Carl Moll 0417 471 137 or John De Mattia 4739 6775

## SVDP WINTER APPEAL

Every day, at Vinnies, we are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic Social Teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire i.e., the power to change lives is in everyone.

We will hold our Winter Appeal on the weekend of 24/25 August as an exit collection after all masses.

Your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is much needed and appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

## SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP 2024

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the faith community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience for the whole family with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with our Creator and creation.

**When:** Friday, October 4 – Monday, October 7, 2024

*The SOC program kicks off Friday evening and officially finishes with Sunday Mass. Campers are welcome to arrive from Friday afternoon to get set up and also stay beyond Mass on Sunday for an informal time together until Monday.*

**Where:** Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

**Cost:** Individual campers: \$30; Camping couples: \$55; Family camping groups: \$75

For more information and to register visit: [www.seasonofcreationcamping.org](http://www.seasonofcreationcamping.org)

**CHURCH GARDENS ALERT:** We are very fortunate to possess a magnificent church garden. *However*, it seems that recently some people have disrespected the garden and efforts of those who care for it. There is evidence that people have run through the gardens; trod on plants; pulled at plants that have large and interesting leaves; moved logs that have been placed to contain soil and mulch and stop erosion; and left rubbish where they have sat to eat. This means that the garden quality suffers unnecessarily and gives extra work for the gardeners. Could everyone please help by staying off the gardens and be active guardians by gently reminding any young and old who are trespassing in the gardens to come back to the paths and grass area? With thanks.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Mary Roberts, Bishop Kevin Manning, Huia Kingi, Patricia Bates, Sam Chew (Camilla Lobo's Fiancé), and Kerrie-Anne Regent (McGrath).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:**

Sara Pinato (Matthew Pinato's Mother), Pat Barrett, Noreen Taylor, Sue Bland, Connor Sipple, Katie Maloney, Chris Paine, Jacqui Visser, Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Gwen Cullinan, Lyn Downes, Sophie Hollies, Terry Stevens, Mark Bates, Margaret Christensen, Maddison Farrugia, Colleen & Michael Nolan, Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson), Hubert Pereira & Maureen Brown (Marcia Pereira's Sister, Brother & Niece), Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

Eilleen Farrell, Marcello Brecely, Winifred Coyle, John Cloran, Betty Grange, Edward Keough, Laurence Rowe, Handley Sweeney, Margaret Smith and Angela Plevy.

**LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 24TH & 25TH AUGUST 2024**

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Steve Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Steve Brown
Junior Servers	Sophie & Juliette Lynch		Elija & Oscar Baird
Warden	Margaret Richards	Volunteer Please	Justin Dowling
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Marsha O'Meara	Kevin Lloyd	Patricia Murnane
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Carl Moll	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Te Deum's		Holy Light
IT Operators	Pat Watson	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Volunteers Please	The Young Family
Communion	Vince Dobson & Lorraine Brown	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Carmel Higgins & Greg Rowe
Children's Liturgy	Danielle		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Catherine Marceau, Jane Lennon, Christyna Lloyd, Beth Killeen & Camilla Lobo		
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